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TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Charity Flores, Director of Student Assessment
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RE: I AM Range Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)

The Department enlisted Indiana educators to develop Range Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) for the I AM assessment. The I AM Range PLDs are content-specific statements that reflect the varying degrees to which students may demonstrate proficiency on grade-level Content Connectors assessed on the upcoming I AM assessment.

The Policy PLDs approved this summer, noted below, supported the development of the Range PLDs. The Range PLDs will be posted publicly in December to inform item development and support transparency of performance expectations.

LEVEL 1: Below Proficiency

Indiana students below proficiency have not met current grade level Content Connectors. Students may require significant support to develop the knowledge, application, and skills to be on track for post-secondary education or competitive integrated employment.

LEVEL 2: Approaching Proficiency

Indiana students approaching proficiency have nearly met current grade level Content Connectors by demonstrating some basic knowledge, application, and skills. Students may require support to be on track for post-secondary education or competitive integrated employment.

LEVEL 3: At Proficiency

Indiana students at proficiency have met current grade level Content Connectors by demonstrating essential knowledge, application, and skills to be on track for post-secondary education or competitive integrated employment.